

have more total assessed contributions than any other United Nations member states to the aggregate of the United Nations regular budget and the budget (or budgets) for United Nations peace operations.

(6) NATIONAL AUDITS.—The United Nations has in effect procedures providing access by the United States General Accounting Office to United Nations financial data so that the Office may perform nationally mandated reviews of United Nations operations.

(7) PERSONNEL.—

(A) APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF PERSONNEL.—The Secretary General—

(i) has established and is implementing procedures that ensure that staff employed by the United Nations is appointed on the basis of merit consistent with Article 101 of the United Nations charter; and

(ii) is enforcing those contractual obligations requiring worldwide availability of all professional staff of the United Nations to serve and be relocated based on the needs of the United Nations.

(B) CODE OF CONDUCT.—The General Assembly has adopted, and the Secretary General has the authority to enforce and is effectively enforcing, a code of conduct binding on all United Nations personnel, including the requirement of financial disclosure statements binding on senior United Nations personnel and the establishment of rules against nepotism that are binding on all United Nations officials.

(C) PERSONNEL EVALUATION SYSTEM.—The United Nations has adopted and is enforcing a personnel evaluation system.

(D) PERIODIC ASSESSMENTS.—The United Nations has established and is implementing a mechanism to conduct periodic assessments of the United Nations payroll to determine total staffing, and the results of such assessments are reported in an unabridged form to the General Assembly.

(E) REVIEW OF UNITED NATIONS ALLOWANCE SYSTEM.—The United States has completed a thorough review of the United Nations personnel allowance system. The review shall include a comparison to the United States civil service, and shall make recommendations to reduce entitlements to allowances and allowance funding levels from the levels in effect on January 1, 1998.

(8) REDUCTION IN BUDGET AUTHORITIES AND PERSONNEL LEVELS.—The designated specialized agencies have achieved a negative growth budget in the budget for 2000-01 from the 1998-99 biennium levels of the respective agencies.

(9) NEW BUDGET PROCEDURES AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.—Each designated specialized agency has established procedures to—

(A) require the maintenance of a budget that does not exceed the level agreed to by the member states of the organization at the beginning of each budgetary biennium, unless increases are agreed to by consensus;

(B) require the identification of expenditures by functional categories such as personnel, travel, and equipment; and

(C) require approval by the member states of the organization of supplemental budget requests to the Secretariat in advance of expenditures under those requests.

CHAPTER 2—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 2241. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION ON RELATION TO EXISTING LAWS.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, nothing in this title may be construed to make available funds in violation of any provision of law containing a specific prohibition or restriction on the use of the funds, including section 114 of the Department of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985 (22 U.S.C. 287e note) and section 151 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1986 and 1987 (22 U.S.C. 287e note), and section 404 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (22 U.S.C. 287e note).

SEC. 2242. PROHIBITION ON PAYMENTS RELATING TO UNIDO AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FROM WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS WITHDRAWN OR RE-SCINDED FUNDING.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this title shall be used to pay any arrearage for—

(1) the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

(2) any costs to merge that organization into the United Nations;

(3) the costs associated with any other organization of the United Nations from which the United States has withdrawn including the costs of the merger of such organization into the United Nations; or

(4) the World Tourism Organization, or any other organization with respect to which Congress has rescinded funding.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

Mr. FORD. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. SARBANES addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, what is the parliamentary situation?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill, S. 903, is still pending before the Senate.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed for 2 minutes as if in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

IN MEMORY OF BARRY SKLAR

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise today to express my sadness at learning of the passing of Barry Sklar, a long-time staffer on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who died unexpectedly on Sunday. Barry was well known to a number of Members and staff who had occasion to work with him during the more than a decade he served on the professional staff of the Committee, as an able advisor on Latin American and Caribbean affairs.

In a recommendation for Barry just a few short months ago, I wrote that he “demonstrated an in-depth knowledge of the issues and great professionalism and integrity in his work.” But that only describes the qualities that led to his intellectual accomplishments and career success. It does not begin to tell why Barry won the personal admiration, friendship and esteem of all who came to know him.

Barry Sklar was a warm, gentle, kind and unassuming man who was devoted to upholding moral principles in his work and his personal life. Despite his involvement in issues and policies that made frequent headlines, Barry maintained a sense of modesty and great humility. He never forgot that his family came first.

Throughout the turbulent decade of the 1980's for Latin America, Barry worked for peace and conflict resolution through international cooperation. Due to his work on human rights,

as was noted at his funeral, many children today have mothers and fathers and sisters and brothers who might otherwise have been forgotten by the world when they disappeared from their villages. Barry's life reveals his commitment to keeping families safe and together, in his own case and around the world.

Mr. President, I would like to extend to Barry's wife, Judith, and his sons Joel Mark and Adam Benjamin my deepest condolences. I am sure I speak for my colleagues in expressing these sentiments. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

THANKING ART RYNEARSON

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, before we wrap things up here today, let me express my appreciation to a very special gentleman for his tireless efforts, his hard work and cheerful disposition throughout the entire process of the drafting of the bill just approved by the Senate. Art Rynearson is legislative counsel to the Foreign Relations Committee, and we have truly overworked that gentleman during this year with the drafting sessions on the resolution of ratification for the CWC, often lasting until 2 a.m., and when we finished that we called upon Art to help the committee prepare the resolution of ratification for the CFE Flank Document. No sooner had we finished that, than we called upon him to help with the State Department legislation, and Art worked 70-hour weeks for the past 4 months. Throughout the entire process he has been cheerful and exceedingly helpful. Without him, the process would not have gone nearly so smoothly.

So, to Art Rynearson, all of us say thanks for everything.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent there now be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Monday, June 16, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$3,355,412,554,888.33. (Five trillion, three hundred fifty-five billion, four hundred twelve million, five hundred fifty-four thousand, eight hundred eighty-eight dollars and thirty-three cents.)

Five years ago, June 16, 1992, the Federal debt stood at \$3,945,016,000,000. (Three trillion, nine hundred forty-five billion, sixteen million.)

Ten years ago, June 16, 1987, the Federal debt stood at \$2,293,493,000,000.

(Two trillion, two hundred ninety-three billion, four hundred ninety-three million.)

Fifteen years ago, June 16, 1982, the Federal debt stood at \$1,076,341,000,000. (One trillion, seventy-six billion, three hundred forty-one million.)

Twenty-five years ago, June 16, 1972, the Federal debt stood at \$426,203,000,000 (Four hundred twenty-six billion, two hundred three million) which reflects a debt increase of nearly \$5 trillion—\$4,929,209,554,888.33 (Four trillion, nine hundred twenty-nine billion, two hundred nine million, five hundred fifty-four thousand, eight hundred eighty-eight dollars and thirty-three cents) during the past 25 years.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2205. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft of proposed legislation to modify Medicare payments; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2206. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning increases in inpatient hospital payment rates and recommendations for hospitals subject to the Medicare prospective payment system; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2207. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, two rules concerning the small producers' wine tax credit (RIN1512-AB65), received on June 2, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2208. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Notice 97-36, received on June 11, 1997; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2209. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Veterans' Medical Care Funding Improvement Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2210. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on rescissions and deferrals, received on June 16, 1997; referred

jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Armed Services, Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Energy and Natural Resources, Finance, Foreign Relations, Governmental Affairs, and Judiciary.

EC-2211. A communication from the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Fees for Official Inspection and Official Weighing Services" (RIN0508-AA52), received on June 17, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2212. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Thrift Depositor Protection Board, under the Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to abolishing the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2213. A communication from the Acting Executive Director, Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Resolution Funding Corporation for calendar year 1996; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2214. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to direct spending or receipts legislation; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-2215. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a rule entitled "Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West", received on June 16, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2216. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule relative to the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program (RIN0572-AB31), received on June 16, 1997; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 924. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 915. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to suspend temporarily the duty on certain manufacturing equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 916. A bill to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750

Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. BYRD):

S. 917. A bill to amend section 6105 of title 38, United States Code, to expand the range of criminal offenses resulting in forfeiture of veterans benefits; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. GLENN, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 918. A bill to reform the financing of Federal Elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 919. A bill to establish the Independent Bipartisan Commission on Campaign Finance Reforms to recommend reforms in the law relating to elections for Federal office; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 920. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue an annual report card on the performance of the States in protecting children placed for adoption in foster care, or with a guardian, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. COVERDELL (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 921. A bill to immunize donations made in the form of charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts from the antitrust laws and State laws similar to the antitrust laws; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 922. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, to issue minimum safety and security standards for dealers of firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 923. A bill to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. 924. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. COVERDELL:

S. 925. A bill to provide authority for women's business centers to enter into contracts with Federal departments and agencies to provide specific assistance to women and other under-served small business concerns; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 926. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the child and dependent care credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BREAUXT, Mr. REED, and Mr. GLENN):

S. 927. A bill to reauthorize the Sea Grant Program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 928. A bill to provide for a regional education and workforce training system in the metropolitan Washington area, to improve the school facilities of the District of Columbia, and to fund such activities in part by an income tax on nonresident workers in the